## Good News For Homemakers

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

VACATION POTPOURRI

Vacation time is a special time...a time of family togetherness and new experiences. Whether you are vacationing in your own back yard or traveling our busy highways, some of the ideas that I am sharing with you this week will be helpful.

**Birdseed** -To use as a snack on a hike, bus trip, or when traveling by car, you may be interested in the following nutritious recipe. Mix together 1 cup pretzels (small size), 1 cup peanuts, 1 cup chocolate chips or chocolate coated candy, 1 cup round oat cereal, 1 cup raisins, 1 cup puffed rice or wheat cereal. After these have been carefully mixed together, put them in small plastic containers for young children or plastic bags for older children. This is an interesting snack that will occupy children while they eat it as well as get some quick energy.

When traveling gets tiresome for the children and games are worn out, stop at a fresh vegetable stand and buy a sizeable quantity of lima beans, peas in the shell or fresh green beans to snap. Divide them among the children and let them see who can finish first. At the end of the trip, they are fresh vegetables for a delighted friend or relative. I would suggest that if you are traveling to grandparents or other relatives in the city, you may wish tp pick your own at home. Carry these in a cooler and then get them out when the children become bored with their traveling.

**Wading Pool Safety** -- When vacationing in our back yard, we can have lots of fun. Small wading pools make it possible for children to enjoy water in that back yard. What can keep a child cooler than playing in water.

But even small wading pools are extremely dangerous and require proper supervision of children's play.

If a pool is part of the summertime activities in your back yard, parents and adults must be willing to spend the time necessary to properly supervise. Safety rules should be made and enforced.

Please do not allow children to do any type of diving or jumping into a small pool. Broken bones and head injuries can be the result of this type of activity.

A wading pool with only a little water in it is very dangerous. Small pools should always be emptied when not in use. It only takes a couple inches of water for a small child to drown. If you have this in your back yard, be sure you supervise the playing in the pool at all times.

**Would you like to feel cooler?**- Would you like to feel cooler during this hot summertime weather. Here are some ways that you can do so.

1. Eliminate clutter -- too many knick-knacks and too much clutter can make a room seem stuffy and small.

2. Pack away those warm blankets, afghans, and throws that you use on a sofa.

3.You may wish to make some simple curtains or window shades using sheets that are colorful and summery looking.

4. You may wish to remove rugs and use your bare floors (if you have hardwood floors.)

5. Fill your home with greenery; potted plants and cut flowers can freshen a room in an instant. Some white pine trimmed from a back yard tree can give a room a fresh and cool appearance.

6. Remove heavy bedspreads and let your crisp, summery looking sheets be used in place of bedspreads.

This week we thought you would enjoy some summer ideas-some to help you feel cooler, some for your safety, and some for your vacationing.

If you have a homemaking question or problem, you may call the Appomattox County Extension Office at 352-8244 or write us at P.O. Box 488, Appomattox, Va. 24522.

Have a good week homemakers!

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
**Penny's Cheese Cake**

1 pkg. (small) lemon gelatin
1 cup boiling water
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 teas. vanilla
1 (13 Oz.) can evaporated milk
20 graham crackers
1/2 cup margarine
2 tablespoons sugar

Dissolve the lemon gelatin in hot water and cool. Whip together cream cheese, sugar, and vanille. Pour milk into ice tray and chill until crystals form around the edges, then whip until peaks form. Add gelatin mixture to whipped milk. Add cheese mixture. Roll graham crackers to fine crumbs. Add 2 tablespoons sugar and melted margarine. Put half of crumbs on bottom of 13 x 9 x 2 pan. Spread Cheese mixture. Put the reserved crumbs on top. Store in refrigerator for several hours before serving.

Many thanks to Penny Mongold for sharing this delicious recipe. This is ideal for dessert for a weekend of company.

## Virginia Fibre Weekly Wood Purchases

Listed below is the total dollar volume of wood purchased by Virginia Fibre Corporation of Riverville for the week end July 15, 1979. Purchases are listed by counties.

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| Albermarle | 10,658.08 |
| Amelia | 5,042.30 |
| Amherst | 7,416.86 |
| Appomattox | 10,464.63 |
| Augusta | 334.75 |
| Bedford-County | 2,664.77 |
| Buckingham | 17,022.45 |
| Campbell | 11,113.31 |
| Charlotte | 9,129.50 |
| Cumberland | 8,917.35 |
| | 2,671.14 |
| Fluvanna | 2,014.98 |
| Goochland | 1,058.99 |
| Halifax | 725.23 |
| Louisa | 664.08 |
| Madison | 340.05 |
| Nelson | 14,855.82 |
| Pittsylvania | 3,518.71 |
| Powhatan | 12,213.28 |
| Prince Edward | 8,730.63 |
| Prince William | 579.60 |
| Rockbridge | 1,143.00 |
| | 131,279.51 |

We feel this information is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County as well as in adjoining counties.

**LAWN PARTY TO BENEFIT USHER BOARD**

There will be a Lawn Party at the home of Mrs. Louise Harvey on Saturday, July 28th, for the benefit of the Usher Board.

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## Father Darkleaf

By Calvin Robinson

Our transition team is switching from July to August and all is well. July was named for Julius Caesar and when Emperor Augustus took over the Roman Senate named a month for him and took a day from February so that August would have the maximum number of days. Often August is hot and dry. July went out with a series of overcast days. Must be there are fewer gnats.

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The Virginia State Beekeepers Association held its annual picnic meeting in Appomattox Saturday. I did not attend, but Frances and LaFayette Burgess came by Martha Street to bring me a jar of honey. "Was about the best meeting we ever had. Even had a guest from London."

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Gladioli time all over and that means a glorious riot of color. I had one big red four feet seven inches. Mrs. Johnny Simpson phoned in to tell about her zinnia garden so we drove by for a look. Heavens to Betsy, so many and so many varieties. And lots of patrons at the community cannery, testifying that we are blessed with an excellent growing year.

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This is written July 30, and on this date in 1619, the first legislative assembly in America was meeting at Williamsburg. Also date of the Battle of The Crater, Petersburg, in 1864. And August 4, 1865 Robert E. Lee was elected president of Washington College, now Washington and Lee University. Do you ever wonder what future historians will say about 1979?

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Appomattox has an outstanding group of young people. We are proud of them. An Appomattox 4-H team won repeatedly in a Roanoke TV quiz program. David Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stratton of Appomattox is secretary of the Virginia Association of Future Farmers of America and was in a group recently meeting The President and Virginia Congressmen in Washington. Appomattox will be represented at a youth meeting in Nebraska. And so it goes.

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And the count down is on for the opening of school. Back to the books, as many are readying for college.

And a big question . . . how will ACHS fare in football this fall!

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Note pad items: as of August 1, there are 24 new Va. State Police Troopers and the trooper total is 1,262 . . . good news for vacationists. An item says that the Chesapeake Bay has fewer stinging nettles this season. Nettles often have spoiled a trip to the beaches. . . Twenty thousand attended the annual Pony Penning at Chincoteague this year, watching the parade and auction after the ponies swam across from Assateague Island at the extreme northeast tip of Virginia . . . My garden is a pattern of disarray, with no rows or formal arrangement. A "mystery" plant was really showing off growing all over and I could not remember or figure out what it was. Now I know. It is a gourd, the big dipper kind . . . checked on some area fishermen and it seems they are doing all right. One veteran said he left a box of lures at home and did fine using worms . . . some excellent scores are being reported in golf matches at Falling River Country Club . . . if you have an "S" on your car windshield it is time for inspection . . . thanks for reading and seeya next week.

## Virginia FFA Secretary Meets President Carter

Washington, D.C. - Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland and General Motors youth activities coordinator Ronald O. Woods, left, greet David Stratton, State Secretary of the Virginia FFA Association during the recent Future Farmers of America State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C. sponsoredcx by General Motors Corporation. The week-long conferene is designed to give state officers a better knowledge of the FFA and national agricultural issues. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stratton of Appomattox.

David Stratton, State Secretary of the Virginia Association of the Future Farmers of America (FFA) was one of 100 State FFA Officers who met Thursday morning with President Jimmy Carter.

The meeting at the White House was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., is designed to help new state officers lead more effectively by expanding their knowledge of the FFA and the nation.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Stratton of Appomattox. He was elected Secretary of the Virginia FFA Association at the 53rd Annual State FFA Convention.

Making a "unique call, especially tailored for the FFA," President "challenged every FFA chapter in this country to get involved in this basic question of energy conservation and production tied intimately with food and conserving energy."

Carter then pledged to give "recognition to the one FFA chapter in the nation who does the most outstanding job in carrying out this response to the energy crisis." Carter completed his remarks by saying, "our nation desperately needs you, and I'm sure that our nation will not be disappointed in you."

Following the President's remarks, National FFA President, Mark Sanborn, thanked the President and speaking for all FFA members said: "We gladly accept your challenge."

The President was presented a plaque recognizing his membership in the FFA, and his office of Secretary of the Plains, Georgia, FFA Chapter, prior to his speech.

A breakfast with Congressmen preceded the White House visit. More than one hundred Senators and Representatives of their assistants attended this year's breakfast, to talk informally with the State Presidents about current and future national issues.

Robert D. Lund, Vice President of General Motors Corporation, and currently the Chairman of the National FFAS Foundation Sponsoring Committee, spoke to the group and commended the FFA members as "great salesmen for the United States of America, and for the American way of life."

Lund, as Chairman of the Sponsoring Committee, is working to raise $1 million in 1979 to support the activities of the FFA. He said that "by the FFA Convention in Kansas City, I'm confident we will have exceeded our goal."

Representative Paul Findley, Illinois, responded for the members of Congress, saying, "whenever I'm with the FFA, I feel very reassured about the future of our nation. The FFA symbolizes achievement, efficency in the production of food, and it symbolizes the commitment of our nation to education of farmers."

These newly-elected state officers began their week of leadership training and personal development Sunday, July 15, with registration and greetings from the National FFA Advisor, Byron F. Rawls, and the six National Officers.

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland held an open question and answer period with the State Presidents, fielding questions about government energy plans, soil conservation trusts and communication of the story of American agriculture. Bergland told the officers that: ". . . I've watched you perform both publicly and privately in many places . . . and I'm impressed, because you are straightforward, you are convincing . . . I'm not about to tell you how to do your thing. I know you do it well."

Dr. Lynn Daft, of the White House Domestic Policy Staff, spoke to the group about how the White House views issues currently facing agriculture.

Each officer also individually visited his congressmen on Capitol Hill and two times during the week Dr. Dan Dunham, Deputy Commissioner of the U.S. Office of Education spoke to the group about the important role they play in vocational agriculture education.

Members of the National FFA Staff gave the officers an in-depth view of the program operations of each of the National FFA's divisions. The group also heard from Odell Miller, president of the National FFA Alumni Association, for an update on Alumni programs and Bernie Staller, Executive Director of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, went over the operation of the Foundation as it relates to the funding of FFA programs. Over 90 percent of the $1 million goal

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**AIA SPONSORS CONTEST FOR VIRGINIA'S TOP 3 ENERGY CONSERVATION IDEAS FOR 1979**

Free bus passes. A cost-cutting recovery system. An effective passive solar building design. Or an energy producing windmill.

Any of these could be entered in "Virginia's Top 3 Energy Conservation Ideas for 1979" contest sponsored by the Virginia Society, American Institute of Architects.

Innovative and practical ideas that save energy and have been in operation in Virginia since January 1, 1979 are eligible. Nominations are open to all Virginia residents, businesses and municipalities, and there is no limit to the number of ideas that each entrant can submit.

Judges for the "Top 3" contest are: The Honorable Charles S. Robb, Lt. Governor, Commonwealth of Virginia; Joseph A. Gould, Director of Facilities Development, Phillip Morris, Co; and Paul O'Mara, Editor, **Urban Land Institute.**

The AIA's objective in sponsoring the contest is to promote the idea of energy conservation by publicizing imaginative, workable concepts. The ideas should be adaptable to a wide range of users in Virginia, and the savings in dollars and fuel are important.

The contest runs from August 1 to 31. It is being held in conjunction with the Virginia Society's Energy Conservation Conference, September 28 and 29, at the Sheraton, Fredericksburg. Winners of the "Top 3" contest will be announced at the conference's Awards Luncheon at 12:15 p.m. on Saturday, September 29.

The three winners will receive: 1. An energy audit and analysis of their residence or place of business (up to 5,000 sq. ft) by a Virginia Society, AIA member.

2. A framed award certificate. 3. A trip to Fredericksburg to receive award at luncheon.

The entry form provides space for a written description of the scope of the project and financial savings. Entrants are encouraged to submit photographs, diagrams, samples, and other pertinent information. There are three basic categories: Buildings; Public Utilities; Transportation.

## Virginia Beard Growing Contest To Be Held During Railroad Festival

The Downtown Merchants Association will again sponsor a Beard Growing Contest during this year's Railroad Festival. The festival will be from August 13-25 in a numbr of downtown stores. Watch next week's **Times-Virginian** for a list of registration places in Appomattox.

One major change has been made for this year's contest - men having a moustache need not shave them in order to participate. You are invited, moustache and all, to compete for prizes of $100, $50 and $25 savings bonds.

Remember to check next week's **Times-Virginian** for further details.

Harry G. Lawson

## National Watchman On W.O.W. Bd. of Directors

Nick T. Newberry, national president of the Woodmen of the World Life Insurance Society, has announced elevation of Harry G. Lawson, Appomattox, from national sentry to national watchman of the Board of Directors.

Mr. Lawson was first elected to the Board of Directors as national sentry at the 1977 Sovereign Camp Convention in San Diego, Calif. A member of Woodmen Camp #71 in Appomattox since 1964, he served that Unit in various capacities before becoming a national representative to the 1977 national convention. He is a former Commonwealth attorney, a former substitute county judge, a past president of the Appomattox Junior Chamber of Commerce, and has been active in many other organizations. He and wife, Louise, have two children: Harry Gordon, Jr., and Deborah Louise.

Mr. Lawson, at present, is a practicing attorney in the Town of Appomattox.

**TRACTOR PULLING CONTEST PLANNED FOR SATURDAY**

The Appomattox Young Farmers Tractor Pullers, Inc. have planned a Tractor Pulling Contest for Saturday, August 4th, at 6 p.m.

Registration will be from 3 to 5 p.m. on the day of the contest that will be held 1 mile East of Appomattox on Route 24.

Prizes will be awarded for all classes.

Admission will be $3.50 for adults, $1.00 for ages 6 to 10, and under 6 will be free.

For further information, see the advertisement in this issue of the **Times-Virginian.**

## AMS Registration Of New Students

Any 7th or 8th grade student new to Appomattox County this year should come by Appomattox Middle School to register and choose subjects for the coming year if he or she has not already done so. A parent should accompany the student when he or she officially registers.

Registration is done in the principal's office and counselors will work with parents and students in choice of subjects and any other questions they may have. If you wish to talk to the counselors or to make an appointment, please call 352-2135.

**W.O.W. TO MEET MONDAY NIGHT**

Woodmen of the World Camp 71 in Appomattox will have their regular meeting on Monday night, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the W.O.W. Hall.

All members are urged to attend.

## Advisory Committee For Special Education Services Held Year-End Meeting

The Advisory Committee for Special Education Services in the Appomattox County Public Schools held its final meeting for the 1978-79 session on July 25 in the School Board Annex.

Mrs. Betty Baldwin is chairman of this committee whose function is to identify needs for special education services and assist in the development of long-range plans for handicapped students ages 2-21. This group also assists the local school division in interpreting to the community plans for meeting the special needs of handicapped children for educational services.

The names of the members of the committee are printed annually in the local newspaper and are available at the School Board Office. Interested parties may express their views to the committee who make reports and recommendations through the division superintendent to the local school board.

In addition to Mrs. Baldwin, persons serving on the committee are Mr. Roland Murphy, Mrs. Therese Naminek, Mrs. Brenda Robinson, Mr. Murrell Ferguson, Mr. J. B. Drinkard, Mr. James Pugh, Miss Laura Wood, Mr. Lloyd Walton and Mrs. Jean Hesson.

## School Board To Meet August 7

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session in the school board office on Main Street at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 7, 1979. Items on the agenda are 1) consideration of bids from companies that supply milk to school cafeterias, 2) review of plans for pre-school conference, 3) review of status of personnel for 1979-80, 4) consideration of plans to reduce the use of energy during 1979-80, 5) consideration of school lunch program for 1979-80 and 6) financial report.

**Bloodmobile**
**Mon., Aug. 6**
**100 Donors**
**Needed**

# Bloodmobile Visit Set For Monday, August 6th

Monday, August 6th, will be the first visit of the new fiscal year for the Red Cross Bloodmobile to come to Appomattox.

Please, let's start the year off right by collecting our goal of 100 units of blood at this visit and be 100% of our goal. With the number of people living in Appomattox County now it seems very little to ask that we collect 100 units of blood only five times a year. Don't you agree?

The bloodmobile will be set up from noon until 6 p.m. at Liberty Baptist Church on Monday so plan now to come out and donate a unit of your blood.

Mrs. Alice C. Martin, Chairman of the Blood Program for Appomattox County, expresses thanks to all who donated blood during the last fiscal year and looks forward to seeing each of you at the visit on Monday along with many new donors.

"I would like for everyone to know who our volunteer workers were for last year as they each did such a great job," said Mrs. Martin. "The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club, our sponsoring organization for the past 13 years, also assists in calling workers for the various jobs. I feel these volunteers deserve recognition."

In the next issue of the **Times-Virginian** we plan to publish a list of all those who have contributed to the Blood Program in our County.

## Appomattox Homemaker Named State Citizenship Chairman

Mrs. Ruby Williamson, a native of Viola, Tennessee, has been named chairman of the Citizenship Program of Work for the Virginia Extension Homemakers Council. Mrs. Williamson will be serving a two year term.

The wife of E. L. Williamson of Route 4, Appomattox, Ruby is the mother of four children. Two of the children Leroy Williamson and Mrs. Terry Falwell, live in Lynchburg. Mrs. Brenda Drinkard and Miss Susan Williamson live in Appomattox County.

Ruby has been a member of the Oakville Homemakers since moving to Appomattox from Lynchburg in 1953. She has held various positions in her own club. She is presently serving as President of the Oakville Extension Homemakers Club.

On the county level, she is president of the County Council, where she has served as Chairman of the Bylaws and Constitution Committee. She also chaired the activities for the Womanless Wedding recently held in Appomattox County.

Mrs. Williamson and her family are members of Red Oak Baptist Church in Oakville where they are very active.

The Appomattox Extension Homemakers are indeed proud to have a state chairman who will be serving on the Board of the Virginia Extension Homemakers Council. Congratulations, Ruby! You have our support!

## Fire-Cured Tobacco Tour Planned In Campbell County

A Fire-Cured Tobacco Tour will be held Thursday, August 9, 1979, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Campbell County Extension Office, located in the Liberty Agriculture Building in Rustburg.

The tour will consist of stops at several farms to look at tobacco grown by Sonny Monroe, Jim Smith, Russell Hunter and several other growers.

Items of interest that will be observed on the tour include varities of fire-cured tobacco, sucker, weed and insect control, fertilization and culturral practices used in growing fire-cured tobacco.

Ice cold watermelon will be served as refreshment.

## Area Homemakers Attend Conference

Four homemakers from Appomattox County will be participating in the annual Family Resources Conference to be held Wednesday to Friday, August 1-3, at Virginia Tech's Donaldson Brown Center for Continuing Education.

Expected to attend from the area are Mrs. Ethel Evans, President of the Appomattox Extension Homemaker Council; Mrs. Ruby Williamson, President-Elect; Mrs. Margaret Lee, Secretary; and Mrs. Geraldine Marshall, Treasurer.

The Family Resources conference will be centered on the theme "The Reality of Today." Approximately 450 persons are expected to attend.

Special guest speakers will talk on such topics as "Children: Their Needs - Our Challenge."

The learning sessions will feature "Please Hear What I'm Not Saying: And Respond To Me;" "A Threat to Our Society: Cults"; "Food Additives: Bane or Blessing"; "About Husbands and Wives"; Retire Never!"; "When I Say No, I Feel Guilty"; "Beat the Clock"; and "Fads, Myths, Quacks and Youth Health."

The conference is jointly sponsored by the Virginia Tech Extension Division and the Virginia Extension Homemakers Council. It also will be the occasion for the annual meeting of, the Virginia Extension Homemakers Counsell which will hold its awards and recognition ceremony during the event.

## Town Plans Public Meeting

The Town of Appomattox will hold a Public Information Meeting on August 23, 1979 at 7 p.m. in the Appomattox Town Office concerning the upcoming bond issue for $800,000.00 for the Town's portion on the new waste water facility to serve the citizens of the Town of Appomattox.

All interested citizens are requested to attend this meeting.

If you have questions prior to the meeting, please contact W. R. Britton, Jr., Town Manager, phone 352-8268.

## Information On Energy From The County Coordinator

W. R. Britton, Jr., Energency and Energy Services Coordinator for Appomattox County, would like to remind citizens of the county that winter heating season is approaching and that there is a possiblity of an energy shortage for the season.

Preparations should be made immediately to assure that the proper amount of energy is available prior to the need.

If you are planning to heat with wood, remember that dried or cured wood is much more efficient than green or wet wood. Stockpiling would should begin immediately for the best consumption of wood for heat.

For additional information, you may call W. R. Britton, Jr., phone 352-8268.

DARK FIRED TOBACCO SEASON is in full swing throughout Appomattox County this week. Despite early unusually cool weather and threats of extensive damage caused by plant diseases including a rare outbreak of field Blue Mold, tobacco in general looks good. Shown above is an application of sucker control being applied after final topping. This tobacco crop, owned in partnership by Phillip Lucado and Dennis Torrence is planted at "The Torrence Farm" on the South Fork of the Appomattox River. Pictured, left to right, is Brian Drinkard, Phillip Lucado, Dennis Torrence and Steven Drinkard.

EIGHT YEAR OLD ZANE TORRENCE checks out tobacco being cropped this season by his dad, Dennis Torrence, and Phillip Lucado. The 4.1 acre crop is brown leaf variety. Fertilizer and chemicals were handled by Appomattox Farm Supply. Crop is located on "The Torrence Farm", Route 2, Appomattox.